

WPB Ready to Boost Output of Simple Civilian Utilities

By the Associated Press.

Aimed at silencing one of the loudest squawks from the home front, a program for expanded 1944 production of simple and easy-to-make civilian goods is about ready to be launched by the Office of Civilian Requirements of the War Production Board.

The plan for action developed after a study disclosed that, while civilians accept the scarcity of refrigerators, washing machines and other major conveniences, they are really disturbed about shortages of the "little things in life," like bobbie pins, pots and pans, elastic tape and textile products.

In a majority of instances the OCR has found that the simple items could be manufactured without upsetting any manpower or raw materials schedules. Only a few conflicts with vital war production and OCR is making no recommendation for expanded production of these items.

Desired Goods Listed.

In the order of importance, the goods civilians want most are elastic tape, satisfactory hosiery, washbaths, shoes, bobbie pins, sheets, infants' underwear, pairs and buckets, children's clothing, pot scourers, dress fabrics, alarm clocks, children's shoes, pins, needles and safety pins, electric irons, boys' overalls, washing machines, flashlight batteries, knives and forks, clothespins, pots and pans, elastic girdles and electric iron cords.

Prospects for adequate production of all textile products are "fair to good." The recent directive of Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, which permits a complete revision of price structures to stimulate production, will be tried first on textiles.

WPB textile officials are only lukewarm about the Vinson order, as changes in price structures for any item must be approved by him before it is effective, and WPB textile executives think this procedure will take too much time to get prompt results.

The OCR is recommending sharp increases in the production of textile products. Informed sources say that the expanded production will be noticeable by the second quarter of 1944.

Production Boosted.

Orders already approved have doubled production of bobbie pins. Adequate supplies of synthetic rubber for tape and girdles have been allocated, and these items will be back in circulation soon after the first of the year under present plans.

The outlook for women's hosiery isn't so good. They'll be warm and plentiful, of lisle and rayon, but the sleek nylons of prewar days haven't a chance. War needs all the nylon we produce.

The OCR will recommend doubled 1944 production of washbaths and comparable increases in pails, buckets, pots and pans. Steel prospects are improving.

Expansion of alarm clock and washing machine output is highly unlikely, the OCR survey indicates. Alarm clocks are complicated gadgets and experienced workmen are occupied with making explosives timing devices. Washing machines require electric motors needed in war goods.

The OCR survey shows that leather and manpower for shoe production will match 1943 totals, with expansion unlikely. A shift to production of children's shoes may be decreed under the Vinson order.

Prospects are good for pot scourers, pins, safety pins and knives and forks. The outlook for expanded production of electric irons is only fair, with copper shortages likely to hold the increase down.

Pucheu and Bergeret Held in Algiers Prison

By the Associated Press.

ALGIER, Dec. 25.—The French National Committee announced today that Pierre Pucheu, former Vichy minister of the interior, and Gen. Jean Marie Bergeret, former Vichy air minister, have been transferred to Algiers military prison, joining five other prominent Frenchmen accused of treason.

Others held include former Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin, Marcel Peyrou, former Vichy minister of the interior; Pierre Thier Vignancourt, former Vichy secretary of information; former Governor General Pierre Boisson of French West Africa, and a former deputy, Andre Albert.

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PRAYER AND THEN TO BATTLE—Troops aboard a Coast Guard-manned transport en route to Makin for invasion of the Jap-held base are shown as they attended prayer services held by Lt. Col. L. W. Yarwood of Blauvelt, N. Y., Army chaplain. An ammunition chest on the hurricane deck provides a base for the altar.



SUBMARINE GRAYLING LOST—The submarine Grayling, shown here after it was launched at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1940, has been reported overdue and presumed lost. Believed to have

been operating in the Pacific, the Grayling is the 16th American submarine reported lost since the start of the war.

—A. P. Wirephoto.

Weather

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by a car while crossing the street at Third and K streets S.W.

Two women who suffered fractured wrists by falling on the streets were admitted to Georgetown Hospital.

22 Accidents in Arlington.

Arlington police reported 22 accidents throughout the county. The most serious case was Marie Rogers, 11, of 540 South Carlyn Spring road, who was struck by a car which collided with another car as she was walking along Lee boulevard near Glen Carlyn. She was taken to Emergency Hospital, suffering from a possible concussion of the brain.

Private cars spun around like pinwheels on Sixteenth street, between Florida avenue and Euclid street, and many minor accidents were reported, including a triple crash involving an automobile and two Capital Transit buses.

People stranded on streets tried to commandeer cabs, some pulling open cab doors as the drivers stopped for traffic lights and trying to crowd inside. Most cabs left the streets, however, rather than risk smashups. One cab company reported it was flooded with telephone calls that could not be answered because drivers would not respond to call boxes. The spokesman for this company said the situation was the worst he could remember in many years.

Bus Driver Solved Problem.

A Capital Transit bus driver successfully solved the dilemma of completing his run in a democratic way. Operating an L4 bus north on Twentieth street, he sized up the situation and put it up to the passengers. Without stopping, he asked the riders to vote on whether to stop and discharge passengers on the way out to Chevy Chase Circle, which automatically meant the end of the ride because of impossibility of getting traction for a fresh start, or continuing to the end of the line nonstop. The vote was unanimous to continue.

En route the passengers sang Christmas carols, cracked jokes and took turns holding babies of other passengers. The bus completed the trip amid the passengers' cheers. Four sailors with their girls gave a "Yea driver," and other passengers expressed their appreciation with pats on the back and even dug down into their pockets for "tips."

Along Connecticut avenue long lines of stranded bus riders stood and waited their turns at telephone booths to call their homes. A score of servicemen due back at their posts tomorrow morning and unable to reach the Union Station or bus depots, waited patiently to place long-distance calls. The demand for nickels was heavy and the supply of coins was exhausted at at least one store.

Maryland Counties Prepared.

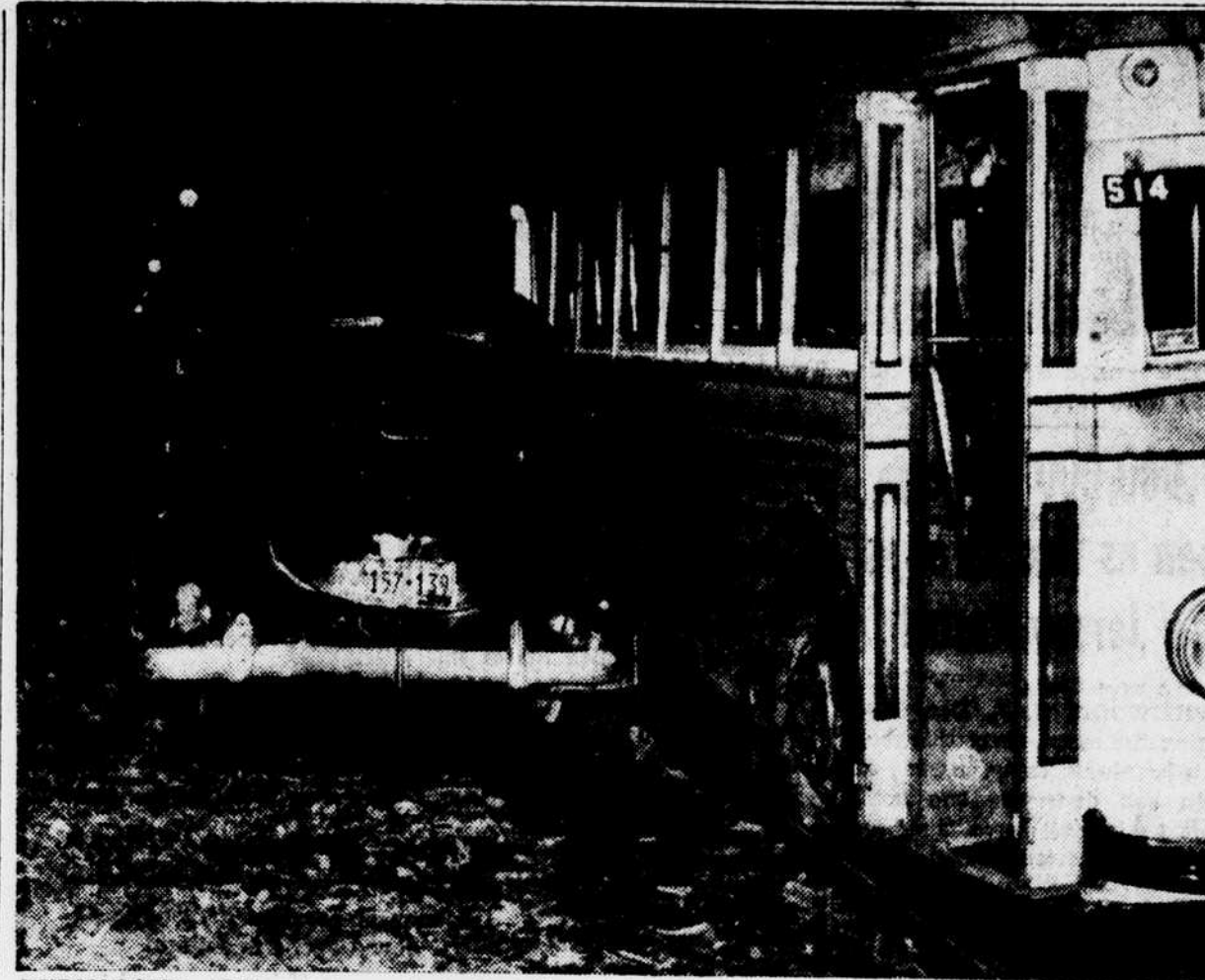
Maryland counties were prepared for the blitz, but well-laid plans went awry in Montgomery County when a sacking truck dispatched to Hightstown shortly after 8 p.m. got lost. The truck was missing several hours with resulting delays in traffic in Gaithersburg and at other points. Bethesda police telephoned for assistance as early as 8 o'clock but the missing truck was dispatched to Hightstown because of a previous call.

The situation was much better in Prince Georges County, where the first complaints were received about 7:30 p.m. Emergency crews were on the roads within the hour. The first call for aid came from the Hyattsville Bridge and others followed soon after from Thirty-fourth street and Rhode Island avenue in Mount Rainier and River road near Defense highway.

In both counties sand is stocked along roads at danger points, but trucks load from a supply maintained at Laurel before going into service. The sand is mixed with calcium chloride to prevent it from freezing.

Traffic Snarled.

Montgomery County police reported traffic tied up on the winding East-West highway west of Sixteenth street in Silver Spring and west of Connecticut avenue in Bethesda. A few minor accidents were



TURNOUT—This scene was typical of the tricks played last night by the icy streets. The driver of the bus going south on Sixteenth street lost control on Meridian Hill. The bus slid into this parked car, turning it around and knocking it onto the sidewalk. No one was injured.

—Star Staff Photo.

Princeton Starts 15-Year Job Of Compiling Jefferson Works

By the Associated Press.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 25.—The completion of approximately 23,000,000 words which constitute the writings and correspondence of Thomas Jefferson has been undertaken by Princeton University, President Harold W. Dodds announced tonight.

Preparation of the comprehensive 50-volume edition, to be published by the Princeton University Press, is expected to take 15 years, he said.

"The definitive edition," Dr. Dodds said, "will be of lasting value to all who are interested in the history of art, science, literature, politics, Government, agriculture, music, architecture, education, mathematics, trade, slavery, religion and every other subject upon which Jefferson's wide-ranging mind touched."

Dr. Julian P. Boyd, historian to the Thomas Jefferson Bicentennial Commission and librarian of Princeton University, editor in charge of the undertaking, said Jefferson's written works and his architectural drawings embrace some 45,000 documents, and that he believes all but a minor fraction are in existence. The edition, which will cost approximately \$344,300 to prepare, will be financed to the extent of \$200,000 by the New York Times as a memorial to the late Adolph S. Ochs, Times publisher from 1869 until his death in 1935.

German Internees Celebrate at Staunton.

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 25.—German diplomatic internees, who have been stationed at the Ingleside Hotel here since shortly after the Allied invasion of Africa, had a turkey dinner today with all of the American trimmings.

They staged a Christmas party on Christmas eve at which toys made by the internees were given to the children in the group. Protestant internees attended services at Christ Lutheran Church and Catholic Germans attended midnight mass at St. Francis Catholic Church. All were under surveillance and accompanied by guards.

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Soldier With Toothache Meets Family Dentist

By the Associated Press.

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Deputy Sheriff Slain With Tavern Patron In Yuletide Gunplay

By the Associated Press.

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 25.—Revolvers blazed at a Perry County roadside Christmas eve, killing a deputy sheriff and a patron, and Sheriff Charles Cornett said today he had arrested three men on murder charges.

The victims were Deputy James Cornett, 56, an uncle of the sheriff, and Henry Kilburn, 27.

The sheriff said the shooting, which assumed the proportions of a free-for-all, occurred at the Capt. Jim Wooten roadside, 11 miles southwest of Hazard.

Mr. Cornett said witnesses told him the trouble started when his uncle attempted to take Kilburn into custody on a charge of being intoxicated.

Sheriff Cornett said those arrested were Nathan and Girdley Baker, brothers, who were seized several hours after the shooting, and Live Sizemore, taken this afternoon.

Mr. Cornett said the deputy and Kilburn emptied their revolvers, firing six shots each, and that Nathan Baker admitted having fired three times.

Infant Takes Crawl Through Heating Pipe

LANCASTER, Pa.—Lancaster police had something new in missing child problems when Donald Reed, 10 months old, disappeared in the heating system at his home.

Two of his brothers, Robert, 3, and Jerry, 2, removed the grill from a cold-air intake and Donald fell in. He began crawling and was within a few feet of the furnace when the rescue squad arrived and tore down a section of pipe.

Donald went to a hospital, but all he needed was a good scrubbing.

Huge Reservoir Collapses Without Causing Damage

By the Associated Press.

ABERDEEN, S. Dak., Dec. 25.—A two-year supply of water stored in the city's largest reservoir on Willow Creek, 20 miles northwest of here, rushed down the Elm River today after a 50-foot section of the spillway collapsed late last night.

There were no reports of flood damage, although the river rose about 8 feet and water lapped over some country roads.

Aberdeen has ample water for the winter stored behind other dams.

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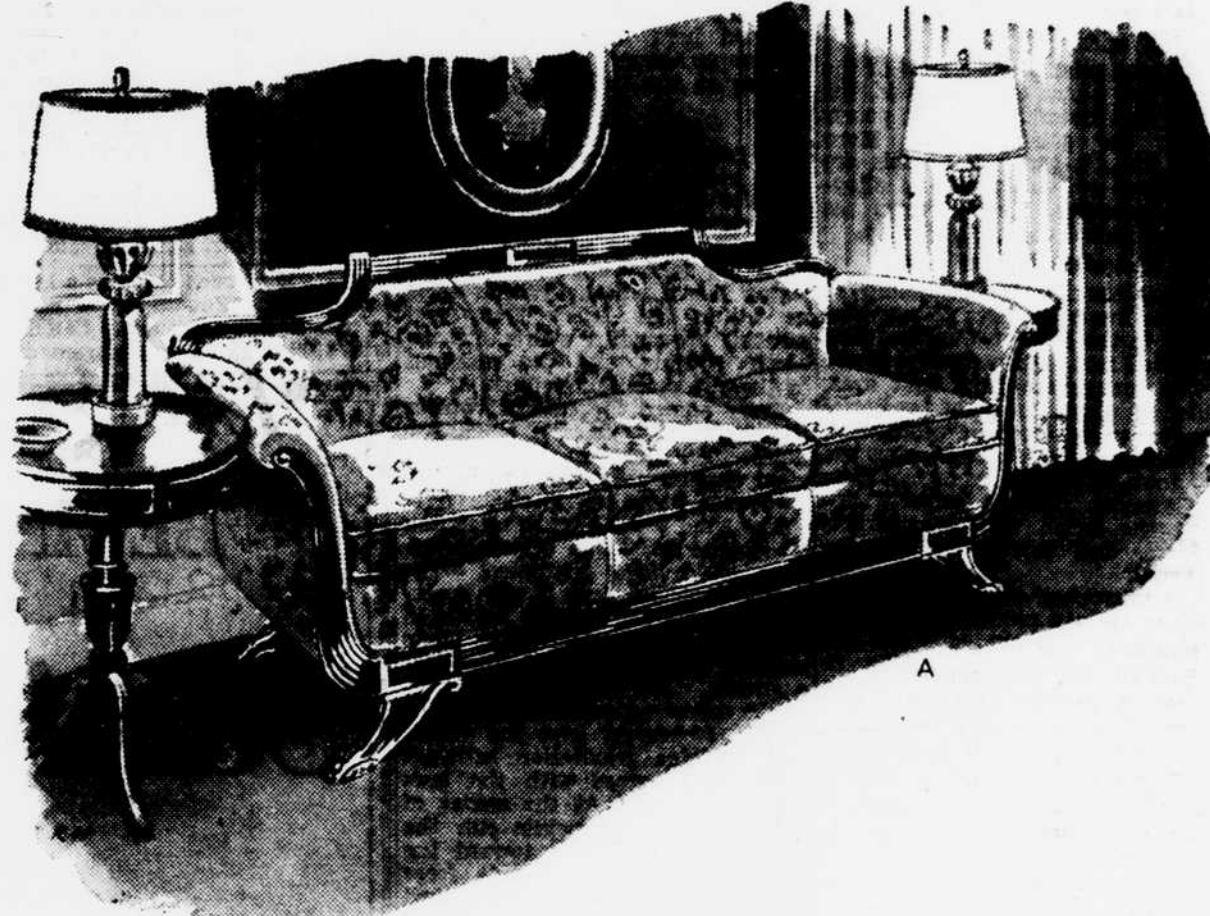
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- Reg. 298.00 3-piece Mohair Living Room Suite. Includes button back chair, sofa and channel back chair. Reduced to **\$198.00**
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